

SCHOOL NEWS

Learning, Respect, Community and Faith



5th June 2012

Edition 18

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SCHOOL TIMES

First Bell:	8.40am
First Lunch:	11.00-11.45am
Second Lunch:	1.10-1.30pm
Finish Time:	3.00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thur:	8.00am - 2.30pm
Fri:	8.00am - 2.00pm

PARISH MASS TIMES

Sat :	7.00pm
Sun :	8.00am

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2

June 5th	P & F Meeting 7pm
June 6th	Student Free Day
June 7th	High Tea
June 8th	Spell-a-Thon
June 11th	Queen's Birthday Holiday
June 12th	Prep /One Mass 9am



Principal's Pen

HAPPY HARVEST FESTIVAL!

The threat of rain was no match for the enthusiasm and excitement of the town as we all gathered to celebrate the 2012 Harvest Festival. All of the floats looked great and so much effort went into them – being a bit biased I have to say that the children of St Rita's stood out (they always do)! The parent committee (too many to mention here) who put the concept together and then spent hours painting and gluing and tying and decorating were just fantastic. Thank you on behalf of the children for your efforts.

By way of reflection this week, I found this prayer of Harvest which fits nicely with the beginning of the Year of Grace.

God we thank you for your harvest which feeds us so many times each day.

We are nourished with your forgiveness and hope

We are sustained with your strength and patience

We are filled with your grace and compassion

God we thank you for feeding us with a harvest of plenty

We are restored through your generosity and healing

We are replenished with your abundance and joy

We are reminded of your selfless abandon

God we thank you for feeding us with the bread of heaven

Your gift of Christ sustains our lives

His presence restores the promise of your love

His life fills our hearts with your everlasting light

God we thank you too for filling us with the water of life

May we drink deeply that our thirst may be quenched

May your river continue to flow

Over us, in us, through us

And out into the world you love.



A Message from your P&F President about the Harvest Festival

A very sincere thank you to the wonderful parents who helped at the Bar during the Festival- Kylie & Andrew Luce, Christina & Scott Forrest, Matt Hessian, Rob Crane, Chris Wiles, Julie Parker, Trudy Montague, my wife Katherine Hillard, Principal Gavin Rick and especially Loretta and Andrew Musumeci who made the whole night possible, "many hands make light work" thank you all so much, for lending a Hand. cheers Jeremy Hillard

P&F Meeting is on tonight, Tuesday 5th at 7pm in the library. All welcome.

PUPIL FREE DAY TOMORROW

A reminder that tomorrow is a Pupil Free Day. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back on Thursday morning for more fun learning, with our National Year of Reading celebrations.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Parents please continually check children's nails for cleanliness and length. For safety and health reasons, **nails must be kept short and clean.** Nail polish isn't permitted. Thanks for your support.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

Well in true Babinda style, the precipitation which fell from the gloomy skies last week did put a slight dampener on the program for the Athletics. But alas, the staff and students forged on and were able to complete a number of events. We were able to do High Jump, Shot Put, Ball Games, March Past and War Cries. Some very proud moments were had and a High Jump Record broken by Shylah. The plan is to grab some time when we can to complete the Long Jump but this may not happen until next week due to our busy schedule this week with Reading. We have rescheduled the Track events to **Thursday 14 June** at 9am at Bill Wakeham Park. A new permission form will be coming home.

NATIONAL WEEK OF READING – PARENTS MODELLING GOOD READING HABITS

The Reading Hour - 10 minutes a day, about an hour a week - As a focal point for the National Year of Reading 2012 we would like to encourage all parents to share a book with your child for 10 minutes a day. This is outside of reading done for homework. We would like to encourage you to read with or to your children at least 10 minutes every day. This could be at any time of the day, but would most likely be at night. It should be an enjoyable experience for both you and your children. It is simply a time for you to read out loud and share a book together. If they want to

read, let them, but it is about listening and sharing some quality time and a good book. Maybe you can read a favourite chapter book to them; a chapter a night. Smaller children love rhyme and colourful illustrations, so reading picture books is ideal for them. Even older children may want to revisit some favourite picture books with you. As a regular activity it will assist your children also at school. Happy reading...



Gairns City Council Library Mascot Visit

Dewey visited students today, telling them about the wide range of services available to them at the local Library.

High Tea



Thursday Afternoon at 2.15pm outside the Library. All parents and grandparents welcome to come along.

Parent Information Session

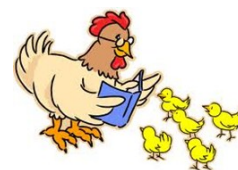
Thursday Afternoon at 3.30-4.30pm in the Library. Please call the office to register your interest. Mr Rick will be providing free childcare while the session is on. (aaagh)

Spellathon

This Friday. Keep studying those words!!!!

Working with Teacher Librarian – Mrs Hughes

- P/1 Creating Audio Books
- 2/3/4 e-texts
- 5/6/7 Book Trailers



Professional learning for Teachers

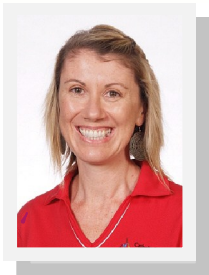
SCHOOL A-Z... PRACTICAL HOMEWORK HELP FOR PARENTS

Ever needed extra help with your child's homework? Well the new app School A-Z might be what you have been needing. Simply download from itunes for iphone or ipod/ ipad and start. You can customise some of the activities to suit your child's spelling.

CAIRNS CENTRAL CODE WORD – this week is **SCIENCE**
Keep a shoppin!!! We're still 3rd but it's very close.

Have a fruitful week.

Gavin



HOPE / FEEL

News

Grace at your place.'

You may recall that last week I wrote about 'The Year of Grace' which began with Pentecost and is an invitation to join our Catholic Community in a time of listening to the Spirit and recognising God's grace in our lives.

Bill Huebsch - A New Look at Grace- writes:

"We go along in our lives,
Living everyday in a willy-nilly sort of way.
We don't think much about
Our common tasks
Ideas
Conversations
Or events.
They just sort of happen...
But
Every now and then,
Sometimes every day,
Or even several times per day,
Those plain old words just don't do it.
Then you hear us say,
"I just can't tell you how much..."
Or
"Words just can't describe how I feel..."
Or
"There's no way I could tell you..."
And we mean precisely what we are saying:
We've run out of language,
Run out of the words we need
To describe certain experiences
In our lives



.... These experiences are no longer ordinary,
Common day experiences for us.

We begin to identify these experiences as important...

Only when we are touched and moved

By the everyday events and people of our lives,

Can we be touched and moved by God."

In thinking about Huebsch's words, this week we ask how are we touched and moved by God in our everyday lives or -

"How is Grace witnessed at your place?"

We are creating a display in the front of fice, and would love it if you could use the attached form to respond to the above question in writing, photos or drawings. Please return the attached form by next week, and remember there's no right or wrong expression - Grace at your place is unique for everyone. Have fun with it.

😊 Sarah

High Tea

A reminder that we are gathering for high tea in the Library on Thursday at 2.15pm.

Afternoon tea will be provided. Children will be sharing their favourite books from our library with adults. If you have a favourite book that you would like to bring along to read to your child, that would be wonderful.

SAFETY MESSAGE.

The commencement of the 2012 cane crushing season is approaching and as part of South Johnstone Mill's Safety Program, the Company would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and children as to the danger of playing on or near cane trains and railway tracks.

It is of concern that children don't realise the danger they put themselves in when they jump on to bins of moving cane trains, play around railway tracks and even fish from cane railway bridges.

Cane railways are no different from any other rail system (eg QR) and children should not play on or near railways. While cane trains are well marked and safety systems are in place, they carry large loads and have limited ability to brake suddenly. Risk of injury does not only involve children but also applies to South Johnstone Mill's locomotive crews and other members of the public.

Occasionally children are seen playing with the track points that guide the train from one track to another or placing objects on the line. This is extremely dangerous as it can cause the train to derail and result in serious injury to our locomotive crews.

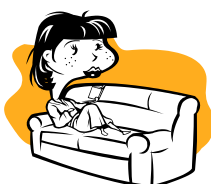
South Johnstone Mill has an extensive cane railway network comprising approximately 500 km of track. Cane trains will be operating 24 hours a day during the crushing season.

Please stay safe and remember

- * Stay away from locomotives and cane bins.
- * Don't play around railway lines.
- * Never walk between cane bins.
- * Never go on to a cane railway bridge.
- * Never walk behind a train – the driver will not see you.
- * If you have to cross the railway tracks, STOP and look both ways, LISTEN and only cross when it is safe.
- * OBEY Flashing Light signals and Give Way signage at road crossings.



FOR SALE- Couch \$100
Please phone 40672761



Thought of the Week

*Everyone has potential; you
just have to discover it.*

MUNRO THEATRE BABINDA

Screening at 7.30pm on
8th, 9th & 12th June, 2012

THE AVENGERS - 3D (M)



Admission \$7.00

Info line 40671032

Coming Soon:

THE LUCKY ONE (M)

Screening at 7.30 pm on
15th, 16th & 17th, June, 2012

STARS OF THE WEEK

Prep / Yr 1	Georgina Stone
Year 2/3/4	Kadie Saylor
Year 5/6/7	Shylah Montague



GROUPS & GARDENS ROSTER

Thank you to the following families who are rostered on:



BREADEN	9th - 22nd June
MONTAGUE	23rd June—6th July

Please be sure to check the roster so that you can organize to pick up and drop the mower

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



**Queensland
Government**

FREE Well Women's Clinics – Babinda

Babinda Hospital	Tuesday 19th June 2012	Ph: 4067 8200
Mamu Health Service	Tuesday 26th June 2012	Ph: 4061 5182

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.



Grace at your place. "How is Grace
witnessed at your place?"



Family Name: